



Obituary

Born: Saturday, September 30, 1939

Died: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Barbara Jean Atwell, 79 of Lock Haven, recently residing at Manor Care, Jersey Shore passed away March 26, 2019. She was born in Lock Haven on September 30, 1939 to Elton and Florence Baird Underwood.

Barbara was the Salutatorian of the 1957 graduation class of the Lock Haven High School, 1961 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Lock Haven State College and a member of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, and a Graduate of Penn State University where she received her master's degree. She was united in marriage in 1962 to James L. Taylor who preceded her in death.

Barbara was an English teacher at Lock Haven High School for over 25 years, retiring in 1997. While there, Barbara served as The English Department Head as well as KCSD District Program Leader for the English Department, helped grade state wide writing assessments, and was instrumental in organizing LHHS graduations. She also served as the advisor of the chess club and the drama club.

Barb enjoyed her retirement to the fullest, attending auctions, collecting depression glass, traveling, playing cards with friends and attending shows at Millbrook. Her greatest passion though was spending countless hours with her grandchildren Bradley and Katie.

Barbara was an active member of Covenant United Methodist Church until falling ill. She was an accomplished pianist who could be heard on Sunday Mornings singing in the choir or playing piano or organ with Patricia Helbley, she was also a member of the Choir, the Worship Committee, member and treasurer of the kitchen committee, chair of the Lenten breakfasts, treasurer of the flower fund, a member of the adult Sunday School class, and the Crusaders Class, as well as one of the Covenant Quilters.

Survivors include one daughter; Susanne (James) Strouse, two grandchildren; Bradley J. Strouse and Katherine A. Strouse, one sister; Carol (Ralph) Tanner; Sister-in-laws. Kathy (Randy) Gillen, Lynda Cridge, Dorothy (Doug) Stoner, Margaret (Dick) Harpster, Joanne Conklin, and one Brother in-law, David (Mary Lou) Taylor as well as a number of beloved niece's and nephew's. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Taylor and her companion dog; Emma.

Funeral services for Barbara Jean Atwell will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 11:30 AM in the Yost-Gedon Funeral Home & Cremation Services, LLC., 121 W. Main

Service Summary

Visitation

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Sat Mar 30, 2019

Yost - Gedon Funeral Home

121 W Main Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Funeral Service

11:30 AM Sat Mar 30, 2019

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St., Lock Haven. Officiating will be Reverend Alison Grove of the Covenant United Methodist Church, Lock Haven. Family and friends will be received in the funeral home from 9:30 until time of services.

Interment will be in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, Lock Haven. Memorials can be made in Barbara's name to the Clinton County SPCA, 33 Mill Hill Road, Lock Haven, PA 17745. Online thoughts and memories can be made at www.yost-gedonfuneralhome.com